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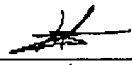
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are (2 pages including this Transmittal):

- (1) Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- (2) Deposit Account Authorization: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any needed fees to deposit account 50-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of September 6, 2006, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of Group I as outlined by the Examiner, comprising Claims 1-29 and 34-36, and further elect without traverse the species of medical devices comprising artificial organs (cf. claim 23) and surrounding tissues comprising soft tissues (cf. claim 25), corresponding to claims 1-13 and 21-29.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for a first action on the merits, and requests that such be done at an early date. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with Applicants' representative would be helpful to advance the prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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